

NATIONAL GUARD CALLED

OVER 100,000 MEN CALLED TO SERVICE.

Situation in Mexico Critical.—Mexicans Demand Withdrawal of American Troops.

Washington, June 18.—Virtually the entire mobile strength of the National Guard of all the States and the District of Columbia was ordered mustered into the federal service tonight by President Wilson. About 100,000 men are expected to respond to the call. They will be mobilized immediately for such service on the Mexican border as may later be assigned.

Gen. Funston, commanding the border forces, will designate the time and place for movements of guardsmen to the international line as the occasion shall require.

In announcing the orders Secretary Baker said the State forces would be employed only to guard the border and that no additional troop movements into Mexico were contemplated except in pursuit of raiders.

Simultaneously with the National Guard call Secretary Daniels, of the navy department, ordered additional war vessels to Mexican waters on both coasts to safeguard American lives.

At the war, navy and State departments it was stated that no new advice as to the situation in Mexico had come to precipitate the new orders.

With the last two weeks, however, tension has been increasing steadily. The crisis presented by Gen. Carranza's note demanding the recall of Gen. Pershing's expedition force has been followed by a virtual ultimatum served on the American office by Gen. Trevino, the Mexican commander in Chihuahua. To this was added yesterday the possibility that American and Mexican troops had clashed across the border from San Benito, Texas.

Administration officials made no attempt to conceal their relief over the safe return of Major Anderson's cavalry squadron to Brownsville after their successful bandit chase. The troopers crossed in pursuit of bandits in the face of intimations that they would be attacked if they did so. Gen. Funston himself reported that he anticipated fighting, presumably with Carranza troops.

In Event of War.

Mobilization of the National Guardsmen to support Gen. Funston's line will pave the way for releasing some 30,000 regulars for immediate service in Mexico in the event of open hostilities with the Carranza government. The guardsmen themselves could not be used beyond the line without authority of congress, and until they had volunteered for that duty as they are called out under the old militia law. The new law, which would make them available for any duty under the federal government, goes into effect July 1.

The entire mobile regular army in the United States, several provisional regiments of coast artillery, serving as infantry, and the National Guard of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona now are on the border or in Mexico. Definite figures have never been made public, but it is understood that Gen. Funston has about 40,000 regulars and probably 5,000 or more guardsmen, of whom 10,000 regulars are with Gen. Pershing or scattered along his line of communication from Namiquipa, Mexico, to Columbus, N. M.

Telegrams to Governors.

Telegrams calling for the militia were sent tonight to the governors of all States except the three whose guardsmen already have been mustered in, after an all-day conference at the war department, attended by Secretary Baker, Major Gen. Scott, the chief of staff; Major Gen. Bliss, chief of the mobile army, and Brig. Gen. Mills, chief of the militia division general staff. Brig. Gen. McCombs, president of the Army War College, also was consulted. Since Mr. Baker did not find it necessary to confer again with President Wilson after his visit to the white house last night, it was apparent the decision to bring out the militia was reached then.

Dash Into Mexico.

Brownsville, June 17.—The second squadron of the 3rd United States cavalry, upward of 400 strong, is sleeping tonight on Mexican soil, less than ten miles from Matamoras, the Mexican town opposite here, where the Mexican population, fully armed with pistols and rifles, is awaiting developments with anxiety. The crossing was occasioned by the pursuit of cavalry, under command of Major Edward Anderson and Lieut. Newman, on a "hot trail" of Mexican bandits who attacked detachments of the 26th infantry near San Benito last night.

The crossing, which was started at 10 o'clock today, had finished at sun-

down, without mishap of any kind, at a point about ten miles southeast of here. The point of crossing is known as Naranjos, a small Mexican river settlement.

Within half an hour after the first troops had crossed volleys of shots were heard from the brushy ambushes of the Mexican side of the river, indicating that at least a part of the thirty bandits had been encountered. They were known to have been chased across the river by Lieut. A. D. Newman and Troop H of the 3rd. No casualties on either side attended the crossing.

Ultimatum Delivered.

Brownsville, Texas, June 17.—Carranza Consul J. Z. Garza, stationed here, delivered early tonight Gen. Alfredo Ricaut's ultimatum to Gen. James Parker, Brownsville commander, that unless the Anderson punitive expedition was withdrawn an attack would be made by Carranza troops. Immediately afterward Gen. Garza closed the consulate and moved to Matamoras.

Additional United States troops, including a portion of the 28th infantry, under command of Col. A. P. Blocksom, were en route to Naranjos tonight, the point of crossing of

the 3rd cavalry into Mexico today, to reinforce those already sent in.

Secretary of War Issues Statement.

Washington, June 18.—Secretary Baker issued the following statement:

"In view of the disturbed conditions on the Mexican border and in order to assure complete protection for all Americans, the president has called out substantially all the State militia and will send them to the border wherever and as fully as Gen. Funston determines them to be needed for the purposes stated.

"If all are not needed an effort will be made to relieve those on duty there from time to time so as to distribute the duty.

"This call for militia is wholly unrelated to Gen. Pershing's expedition and contemplates no additional entry into Mexico, except as may be necessary to pursue bandits who attempt outrages on American soil.

"The militia are being called out so as to leave some troops in the several States. They will be mobilized at their home stations, where necessary recruiting can be done."

Tuberculosis is contagious, preventable, curable.

CHINA'S LOST GLORY.

How Her Great Dependencies Have Passed Away.

Within the last five years, says the June World's Work, Mongolia and Tibet have passed from under Chinese control; Chinese Turkestan, because of its geographical position, has been cut off from direct communication with Peking; and Manchuria has gone through another stage in the process of passing over to the Japanese and the Russians. The great dependencies of China, vaster in extent of territory than all her provinces, have passed away; and, moreover, the independence of China proper is being assailed and is already seriously impaired.

Doctors are now watching the cause of scarlet fever to fresh milk. The streptococcus germ which occurs in large quantities in milk is also present in scarlet fever. The disease is practically unknown in the tropics and experts argue that this is because so little raw milk is used there.

Uncle Sam made \$2,500,000 last year from the sale of wood from the government forests.

BIRD EXPERT PICKPOCKET.

Daring Wren Steals Valuable Key From Railroad Man's Overalls.

W. J. Trench, agent for the Santa Fe, a year ago left his overalls hanging on a peg when he went for a visit. In one pocket was a valuable key with a string attached to it. The string dangled out of the pocket. When Mr. Trench returned he found his overalls, but no key. He has just found the string and the key when he kicked a wren's nest while stepping over a bunch of cactus.—Memtoto (Cal.) dispatch to San Francisco Chronicle.

The Centre of Attraction.

Teacher was impressing upon the class the importance of accurate observation. To illustrate, she said: "Now each of you look around this room and tell me what is the most interesting object to you and why."

Tommy Jones was the first to raise his hand.

"Yes, Thomas, what is the most interesting object you have observed?"

"Your desk, please, miss."

"Why?"

"Billy Baker put a snake in it."

CEMENT SHOT FROM GUN.

That Method Used to Waterproof Surface of Huge Dam.

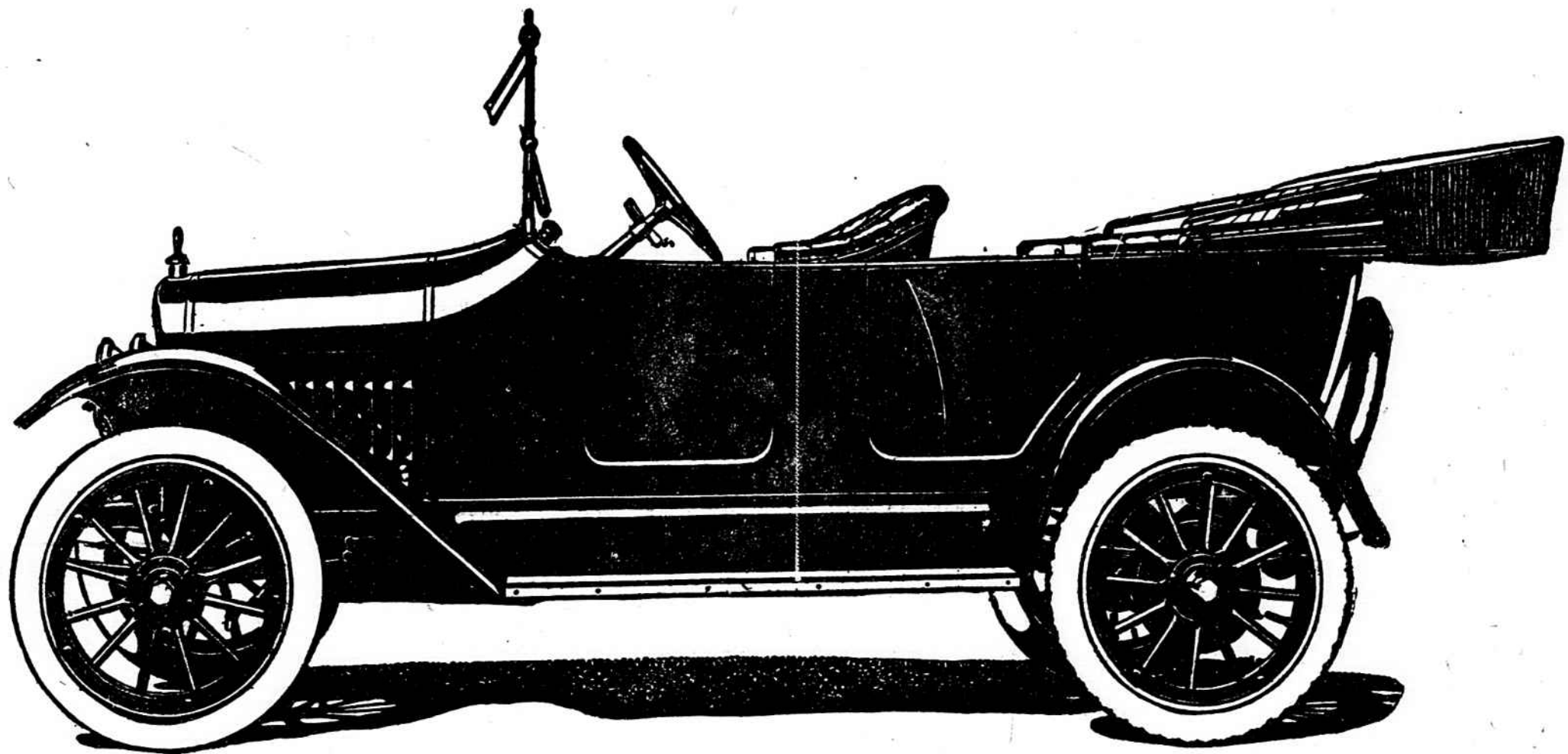
In order to waterproof the upstream face of the Elephant Butte dam of the United States reclamation service in New Mexico, a wooden raft was launched in the water of the reservoir formed by the structure and from it a mixture of cement, sand and water was shot on the face of the dam by means of a gun operated by compressed air. The coating was applied in horizontal strips about ten feet high and the length of the dam at water level. The mortar waterproofing coating was applied in four layers, each about one-fourth of an inch thick. Numerous samples taken from the face of the dam showed perfect adhesion of the waterproofing coat to the original concrete.—Engineering Record.

Safe.

"What are the crowds cheering for, George?"

"The umpire called him safe. It was a great slide!"

"I'm so glad. When I saw him tumble I thought surely he'd be hurt."—Detroit Free Press.



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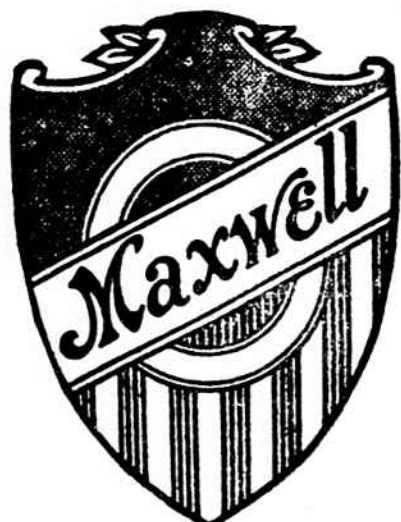
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